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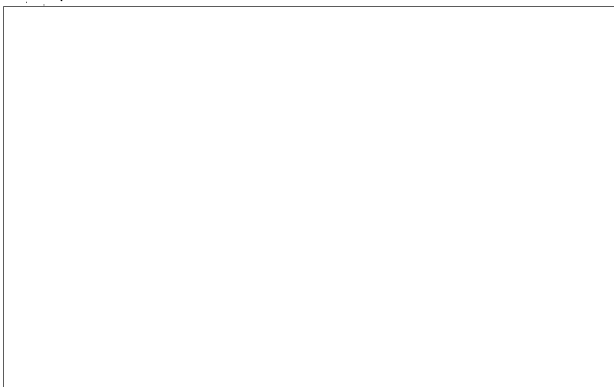
LMED 3000 Proposal - Revised

REFERENCES:

- (a) Revised Lockheed 3000 Proposal (attached)
- (b) Memorandum from [redacted] to SA-DPD, dated 1 December 1959

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1. At your request the Office of Communications has studied the revised LMED 3000 proposal which specifies an experimental program for [redacted] consisting of 4 shared satellite launches. On 23 September 1959 a meeting was held to consider the subject proposal. Those present were:



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This meeting brought out the fact that the positions of SR, OSI and TSS with regard to the revised 3000 proposal are essentially the same as they were re the original 3000 proposal as expressed in reference (b). The new elements of the revised proposal which require a reconsideration by OC are as follows:

- a. The experimental program proposed is considerably reduced in cost by the sharing of test vehicles with other space projects.
- b. The communications system specified in the revised proposal does not appear to offer as much security against jamming and intercept because of the use of the UHF and VHF rather than microwave frequencies.
- c. The military satellite systems planning has progressed to such a stage that discussions should be held with the cognizant military services to determine the possibility of a shared system for operational use. In this regard the recent change in the role of ARPA should be noted.

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2. In consideration of the above, the Office of Communications recommends the following course of action:

a. The Lockheed representative should be informed that the revised 3000 proposal cannot be accepted by this Agency, and further, that this Agency will continue its liaison with the military services and at such time as it appears possible and desirable to undertake a joint CIA-military communications satellite, Lockheed will be contacted for further discussions regarding the role which they might play in such a program.

b. The Office of Communications should continue liaison with the appropriate elements of the military services and the Defense Department with the objective of exploring the possibilities of a shared-satellite program.

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Attachment:
Revised LMSD 3000 Project

CONCURRENCE:

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